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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic device comprising:

~~two cases;~~

a first case in which a keyboard is provided;

a second case in which a display unit is provided;

5 a hinge unit which connects the ~~two~~ first and second cases to each other ~~and by which~~ such that the ~~two~~ first and second cases are openable and closeable;

a cover member for decoration which is mounted on an outer surface of ~~at least one of the two cases~~ second case;

10 a first engaging ~~unit~~ mechanism which is disposed ~~in at least one of the cases~~ on the second case and has a decorative shape; and

a second engaging ~~unit~~ mechanism which is disposed ~~in~~ on the cover member to be engaged with the first engaging ~~unit~~
15 mechanism;

wherein the first engaging mechanism comprises:

a first engaging portion, which comprises a projection, provided at a tip end surface of the second case at an opposite side of the second case from the hinge unit; and

20 second engaging portions provided near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of the second case;

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wherein the second engaging mechanism comprises:

a first engaging portion provided at a tip end surface
of the cover member at an opposite side of the cover member from
25 the hinge unit; and

second engaging portions provided near to the hinge
unit on both side surfaces of the cover member;

wherein positions of the first and second engaging
portions of the second engaging mechanism correspond to positions
30 on the second cover of the first and second engaging portions of
the first engaging mechanism; and

wherein the first engaging portion of the second
engaging mechanism projects from the tip end surface of the cover
member and defines a concavity which engages the projection of
35 the first engaging portion of the first engaging mechanism when
the second engaging mechanism is engaged with first engaging
mechanism; and

wherein the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer
surface of at least one of the cases second case by engaging the
40 first and second engaging portions of the first and engaging
mechanism with the first and second engaging portions of the
second engaging units with each other mechanism, respectively.

Claims 2 and 3 (Canceled).

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4. (Currently Amended) An electronic device according to claim 3 1, wherein ~~one pair of the engaging portions at the positions near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of at least one of the engaging portions at the positions near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of the cover member are at least~~ one of: (i) one of the second engaging portions of the second case and (ii) one of the second engaging portions of the cover member is elastically movable in engaging/disengaging directions.

Claims 5 and 6 (Canceled).

7. (Currently Amended) An electronic device according to claim 1, wherein a decoration is disposed on an outer surface of ~~at least one of the cases~~ second case, and an opening is formed in a portion of the cover member, ~~the portion being at a position~~ corresponding to the decoration on the outer surface of ~~at least one of the cases~~ second case.

8. (Currently Amended) An electronic device according to claim 1, wherein a decoration is disposed on an outer surface of ~~at least one of the cases~~ second case, and a light ~~transmit~~ transmitting member is disposed in a portion of ~~at least one of the cases,~~ the portion being cover member at a position

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corresponding to the decoration ~~of one~~ on the outer surface of
the ~~cases~~ second case.

9. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 7,
wherein the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a
graphic and a pattern.

10. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 1,
wherein the cover member is made of a synthetic resin which
transmits light.

11. (Currently Amended) An electronic device ~~according to~~
~~claim 1,~~ comprising:

two cases;

a hinge unit which connects the two cases to each other such
5 that the two cases are openable and closeable;

a cover member for decoration which is mounted on an outer
surface of at least one of the two cases;

a first engaging mechanism which is disposed in the at least
one of the cases; and

10 a second engaging mechanism which is disposed in the cover
member to be engaged with the first engaging mechanism;

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wherein the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer surface of the at least one of the cases by engaging the first and second engaging mechanisms with each other;

15 wherein the first engaging ~~unit~~ mechanism includes engaging portions which are disposed at positions ~~being~~ away from the hinge unit on both side surfaces of ~~the~~ at least one of the cases and engaging portions which are disposed at positions near to the hinge unit on said both side surfaces of ~~the~~ at least one of the
20 cases; [[,]]

wherein the second engaging ~~unit~~ mechanism includes engaging portions which are disposed at positions ~~being~~ away from the hinge unit on both side surfaces of ~~at least one of the cases the~~ cover member and engaging portions which are disposed at
25 positions near to the hinge unit on said both side surfaces of the cover member; [[,]] and

wherein the engaging portions of the first engaging ~~unit,~~ which mechanism that are disposed at positions ~~being~~ away from the hinge unit ~~on both side surfaces of at least one of the~~
30 ~~cases, and are rotatably engaged with~~ the engaging portions of the second engaging ~~unit, which~~ mechanism that are disposed at positions ~~being~~ away from the hinge unit ~~on both side surfaces of the cover member, are rotatably engaged with each other.~~

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12. (Currently Amended) An electronic device according to claim 11, wherein a mirror is disposed on an inner surface of the cover member ~~the inner surface~~ facing the outer surface of the at least one of the cases.

13. (Currently Amended) A cover member ~~which is mounted to an outer surface of at least one of two cases of for an electronic device, the cases being connected to each other by~~ wherein the electronic device comprises: (i) a first case in
5 which a keyboard is provided, (ii) a second case in which a display is provided, (iii) a hinge unit by which the two cases are connecting the first case and the second case to each other to be openable and closeable, and (iv) a first engaging mechanism which is disposed on the second case, has a decorative shape, and
10 comprises a first engaging portion, which comprises a projection, provided at a tip end surface of the second case at an opposite side of the second case from the hinge unit, and second engaging portions provided near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of the second case, and wherein the cover member is mountable to an
15 outer surface of the second case, said cover member comprising:
an a second engaging unit mechanism which comprises: is
detachably engaged with at least one of the cases;

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20 a first engaging portion provided at a tip end surface
of the cover member at an opposite side of the cover member from
the hinge unit; and

second engaging portions provided near to the hinge
unit on both side surfaces of the cover member;

25 wherein positions of the first and second engaging
portions of the second engaging mechanism correspond to positions
on the second cover of the first and second engaging portions of
the first engaging mechanism; and

30 wherein the first engaging portion of the second
engaging mechanism projects from the tip end surface of the cover
member and defines a concavity which engages the projection of
the first engaging portion of the first engaging mechanism when
the second engaging mechanism is engaged with first engaging
mechanism;

35 wherein the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer
surface of at least one of the cases the second case by engaging
the engaging unit with at least one of the cases first and second
engaging portions of the first engaging mechanism with the first
and second engaging portions of the second engaging mechanism,
respectively.

14. (Currently Amended) An A cover member according to
claim 13, wherein a decoration is disposed on a part of the outer

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surface of ~~at least one of the cases~~ second case, and an opening
is formed in a portion of the cover member, ~~the portion being at~~
5 a position corresponding to the decoration on the outer surface
of ~~at least one of the cases~~ second case.

15. (Currently Amended) A cover member according to
claim 13, wherein a decoration is disposed on a part of the outer
surface of ~~at least one of the cases~~ second case, and a light
~~transmit~~ transmitting member is disposed in a portion of ~~at least~~
5 ~~one of the cases, the portion being~~ cover member at a position
corresponding to the decoration of ~~at least one~~ on the outer
surface of the ~~cases~~ second case.

16. (Original) A cover member according to claim 14, wherein
the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a graphic and a
pattern.

17. (Original) An electronic device comprising:

two cases;

a hinge unit which connects the two cases to each other and
by which the two cases are openable and closeable;

5 an electronic unit disposed in at least one of the two
cases;

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a flat-shaped cover member which is mounted to at least one of the cases and is overlapped with an outer surface of at least one of the cases to cover the outer surface;

10 an electronic unit disposed in the cover member; and
an electrically connecting/engaging unit which detachably engages at least one of the cases and the cover member with each other, and electrically connects the electronic unit in at least one of the cases and the electronic unit in the cover member with
15 each other.

18. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 17, wherein the electrically connecting/engaging unit comprises a first electrically connecting/engaging portion which is electrically connected to the electronic unit in at least one of
5 the cases and is retractably projected from at least one of both side surfaces of at least one of the cases,

a second electrically connecting/engaging portion which is electrically connected to the electronic unit in the cover member and is disposed on at least one of both side surface of the cover
10 member, and

the first electrically connecting/engaging portion is detachably engaged with the second electrically connecting/engaging portion.

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19. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 17,
wherein a first engaging portion is disposed on a tip end surface
of at least one of the cases, the tip end surface being
positioned opposite to the hinge unit on at least one of the
5 cases; and

a second engaging portion with which the first engaging
portion is detachably engaged is disposed on a tip end surface of
the cover member, the tip end surface being positioned opposite
to the hinge unit on the cover member.

20. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 17,
wherein the electronic unit has one of a display function, a
television tuner function, a speaker function, a power source
function, a camera function, a printer function, and a scanner
function.

21. (New) An electronic device according to claim 8, wherein
the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a graphic and a
pattern.

22. (New) A cover member according to claim 15, wherein the
decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a graphic and a
pattern.